THEN & NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

"Let's Go To The Fair"

I've been wondering, what do you have planned for the next two or three days? Not too busy I hope. I have a great idea - - - let's go to the fair!

Now if you don't mind too much, we are going to the fair in a kind of unusual way. With our imagination and a lot of help from my friend -especially those over 65 years of age, we're going to the fair as it would have been in the early 1900's, right here in Appomattox. A fair in Appomattox? That's right, a fair in Appomattox!

Just about where Mr. F. L. Murphey's house is located (across from the Memorial United Methodist Church), was the entrance to the fair grounds, and from what they tell me it was quite a fair! A warehouse was located just inside the gates of the grounds and it was here that the exhibits were displayed. Later, when the fair had been discontinued, the warehouse building was used as a purchasing center for Sumac. Sumac is a bush type plant that in the early 1900's was often broken and sold to be used in the making of dye.

Before you even entered the gates leading to that special, once-a-year place and time, you knew that you had arrived! The smell of onions cooking permeated the air. Whether it was hot dogs or hamburgers that were cooking at that particular time, you could be sure of one thing; along side of whatever else was cooking would be a pile of sliced onions. As they cooked, they fill the air with a tantalizing aroma that whetted the appetites of young and old alike.

Even though one might be feeling the pangs of hunger, once inside the fair grounds, something happened. The midway, that pandemonium of delight, pushed all thoughts of food into the recesses of your mind - - for the time being at least.

The Ferris Wheel, a behemoth of fun, a towering combination of steel and wheels seemed to have a kind of magnetic quality, almost a beckoning. It was as if a voice was saying, "Come closer, let me take you for a ride you'll never forget; you don't want to miss the thrill." At the same time, another voice seemed to be whispering, "You'd better watch out! That thing is awfully high and you don't even know the man that put this contraption together! Maybe you had just better watch." Oh, the agony of indecision!

Mrs. Natalie Robertson, Atwood Street, Appomattox, will be 96 years young in February of next year. She remembers well attending the fair in Appomattox; she was living about ten miles out in the country at that time. She also recalls very vividly her one and only Ferris Wheel ride! Go with me as she takes us back to the days of THEN.

Mrs. Robertson was hurrying as fast as she could go. Today was the first day of the county fair in the town of Appomattox and it was going to last for three whole days! Ernest and Herman Robertson, around six and eight years of age at that time, were the only children of the Robertsons (more came later!) and they had just about driven their mother out of her wits! All they had talked about for weeks had been "when are we going to the fair, huh?"

Leaving the house quite early was a necessity since their only means of transportation was the horse drawn wagon. She just couldn't seem to hurry; finally in her freshly laundered long dress and spic and span high top shoes, they were off to the fair. The road from the farm into town seemed endless. Several times Mrs. Robertson asked the excited boys if they had enough money.

At last they were there; for a brief moment the whole bit seemed to overwhelm the boys, but not for long! Soon they were scampering off, following their noses to that special fair food! (Mrs. Robertson easily recalled just how much a dollar would buy in the year 1910 or thereabouts.) Before she had realized they were gone, the boys were back, still hungry and flat broke!

Mrs. Robertson watched with fascination as the Ferris Wheel carried its passengers 'round and 'round. "It would be fun to ride," she mused, as she watched with her friends. Seeing just how absorbed she was becoming as she watched, they began to urge her to take the ride. Would she? Should she dare? "Oh well, why not?" she thought.

With much apprehension, she got her ticket and waited her turn; then she was on her way! Not daring to look down as she rode, Mrs. Robertson began to feel that this ride was much, much longer and rockier than those she had witnessed from the ground! "I know what," she thought, "my friends have gone and bribed the operator to give me a longer ride than anybody else and they told him to make this thing rock!" Having decided that this was the case, she courageously rode it out to the finish!"

I don't know how Mrs. Robertson's friends convinced her that they had not bribed the operator, but they did. It was only her apprehensive state of mind that made the ride seem longer than usual.

Mrs. Robertson is not the only one with frightening, yet exciting, memories of the Ferris Wheel at the Appomattox Fairs. Mr. Wellington H. Conner (Bill) recalled an incident that he remembers as though it happened only yesterday.

It was watching, not riding, that Mr. Conner remembers so vividly. Something, he didn't know what, happened to the Ferris Wheel at the top where it was secured to the base and it loosened. Before Mr. Conner even had time to realize what was happening, the gigantic wheel swooped down, knocking him to the ground. Luckily, he wasn't seriously injured; some other of the onlookers and riders were not so fortunate. I failed to ask Mr. Conner if he ever rode the Ferris Wheel after that!

To us, living NOW, the Ferris Wheel is just a bit on the tame side, as rides go, but not in the days of THEN. Imagine, if you will, what people, fifty years from today will have to say about our rides - - for instance, the Rebel Yell and the King Cobra at King's Dominion. We think they are pretty exciting and lot of fun - - - someday, somebody will be saying, "Those rides of the seventies, can you imagine how dull they must have been! I'm really glad I didn't live THEN!"

CHESTNUT GROVE

Mrs. Eleanor Wood of Lynchburg, Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersonville were Monday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were among those attending the Va. Dept. of Highways & Transportation Annual Safety meeting and picnic at Robert E. Lee Wayside near Buckingham Court House, Friday afternoon.

The World Mission Conference is in progress at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church this week. We have had some very interesting speakers.

Donna Harris spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Russ Smith at Monroe. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Harris on the birth of a son, Aaaron Marshall Harris, born Fri., Sept. 23, at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 ozs.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harris and two grandchildren, all of Richmond; H. Flood Harris of Green Bay; Johnie Harris and Donna Harris of Appomattox. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Kline Hill and children of Richmond; Mrs. Jack Manis of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover and family, of Hixburg, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris.

Mrs. Robert E. Metcalfe, Jr. and Mary Ann and Jamie Smartz, all of Virginia Beach; Charles Wayne Cook of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cook; Kenneth and Randy of Prospect were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Ethel Proffitt from Ferrum College was home for the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Proffitt.

Mrs. C. W. Morris was a Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook at Chesterfield.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and mrs. C. W. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. John Glover of Appomattox and Wilbur and Rona Glover of Andersonville.

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JORDAN

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A cake was presented to the Harps of Zion; also a love donation was presented from the Jordanaires Singers. A gift was presented by Rev. Elliott by Deacon Chris Austin from the Harps of Zion.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

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Tues., Oct. 11 - Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, jello w/fruit cookie, milk.

Wed., Oct. 12 - **Universal Menu** - Lasagna DaVinci, Caliseum Broccoli salad, sunny Italy fruit Surprise, Gondola Garlic Bread, Mama Mia Milk

Thurs., Oct. 13 - Meat loaf, candied sweet potatoes, green peas, rolls, butter, milk.

Fri., oct. 14 - Fried chicken, buttered whole potatoes, candied carrots, fruit, milk, biscuits

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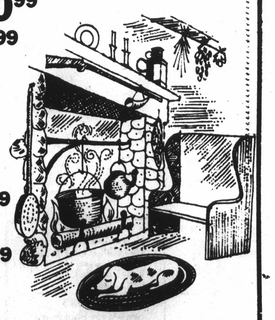

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Once I was having breakfast in a Fredericksburg hotel on an October morning and was advised by the personable waiter that it was "National Do A Good Deed Week." I had not heard about it. Asked the waiter what good deed he planned and he said he was haiving a dinner for his fellow workers.

With that in mind, it occurs to me that October thus far has been "Good Deed" month in historic Appomattox. Hope it is habit forming. The major "good deed" was the successful "Railroad Festival" over the week end. Well planned and ably executed, the program had to reckon with the weatherman, I thought the parade the best ever, and there was a world of arts and crafts on display. Incidently, I made my selection of parade winners and it was identical with that of the judges. Some twenty horses were an attraction, and several antique cars. The Virginia Game Commission had a raccoon and a tiny live bear. It is difficult to estimate the number of people present. One paper said 4,000. But it was a fine week end for Growing Appomattox and here's a salute to everyone who contributed to its success.

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It is generally known that I am a senior New York Yankee fan in the fabulous world of baseball. Thirty-one times the lads in pin stripes have annexed the American League pennant. This year's league crown came the hard way and the final win over Kansas City was one of the most dramatic in the annals of the game. Will momentum carry over to the World Series? The Yanks and Dodgers are ancient rivals. I would guess the odds this time favor the National Lague. Even a star like Lyle cannot pitch every day.

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ACHS plays Jefferson Forest this week, and the Raiders need your support.

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Several local people joined the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Bowman on a recent guided tour to Jerusalem. One of the group, Mrs. Phoebe O. McGill brought me a copy of The Jerusalem POST, plus a copy printed in Hebrew. Thanks and will add to my library.

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No doubt about Fall having arrived. The thermometer ôn my porch was a crisp thirty-nine Monday morning as I sallied forth to see what Columbus Day had in store.

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Tidbits of Virginia's history . . . Ann Burras was the maid of Mrs. Lucy Forrest and arrived in Virginia in the second supply in 1608. The first permanent settlement had arrived May 13, 1607. Ann Burras was 14 years of age and in 1608 shortly after her arrival she married John Laydon, who had come over as a laborer in 1607. Doubtless, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert Hunt. The 1925 census states that the bride was living with her four daughters at Elizabeth City.

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Fall coloring of the leaves is a bit late this year and there is a lot of green remaining on the horizon. A few birds are visiting my feeder, checking, but the free lunch depot is not open yet.

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In the mail comes a catalog of cheese offerings. I had no idea there were so many kinds. Names like Caraway, Colby, Cheddar, Cottage, Bleu, Edam, Gouda, Bluetsg, Sharpy, Napoli, Swiss, etc. Suppliers will go to any length to please customers, as witness this catalog's offering of a ten-foot long rope sausage.

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Hope you like variety, for I have rambled a bit this week. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

'30.

The marker indicating amount contributed to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund had moved up to a near $10,000 as of Tuesday of this week, heading toward the goal for 1977 of $12,500. If you have not made your donation, please give it to any squad member or mail in to Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund Drive, P. O. Box 57, Appomattox, Va.

Local Squad Responds to 68 Calls During September

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 68 emergency calls during the month of September. Sixteen persons received personal injuries in 9 automobile accidents and ten persons were put on the EKG heart monitor during transportation to the hospital.

In answering the 66 emergency calls, the volunteer members gave 264 ¼ hours of their time and traveled a total of 2986 ¼ miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: Illnesses, 9; wrecks, 9; hemorrhages, 3; heart attacks, 4; seizures, 2; transports, 10; one call - not needed when we arrived; over dose, 1; dead on arrival, 2; broken bones, 3; strokes, 2; convulsions, 1; breathing difficulty, 2; football injuries, 3; chest pains, 6; back injury, 2; maternity, 1; fight, 1; diabetic, 1; falls, 1; cuts, 2; search for child,1; and mashed finger, 1.

In addition to answering these calls, members were on stand-by at football games for 33 hours, spent 18 hours on stand-by at a music festival, and spent 24 hours on stand-by at the Five County Fair.

Bone Marrow Transplant Completed On AreaWoman

photo by Roger Davis

Mrs. Connie Gillaspie Gallier

The honeymoon was over, and Connie Gillaspie Gallier had been back at her job at the Mt. Athos Plant at Babcock and Wilcox for about a week. Then, one day she went home with a high fever, thinking she had the flu.

Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie of Concord was quick to get her daughter to the family doctor for a check up. The news was shocking; she was told she either had leukemia or aplastic anemia.

After admission to the Lynchburg General Hospital, her illness was diagnosed as aplastic anemia and a trip to the Medical College of Virginia confirmed the diagnosis.

As hope to treat the illness with drugs failed, Connie was told that she would require a bone marrow transplant to survive.

When plans were finalized for the transplant, Connie's sister, 17 year old Karen Gillaspie, a student at Appomattox County High School, was found to be compatable as a bone marrow donor.

Connie, a 1975 graduate of

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Construction Progressing On Town Water Storage System

The access road constructed by Morris Gordon Construction Company has undergone final inspection and the road to the water tank site is completed all the way to the tank. This road is not for public use.

At the Monday night meeting of the Town Council of Appomattox, the report on the access road to the water storage tank and progress on the tank construction was the main order of business.

Construction on the water storage tank stands twelve feet high at the present time. When completed it will be at a height of 42 feet.

Council was also informed that work will begin as soon as possible on portions of new water line coming from the new water storage tank. A boring contractor will be going under highways installing casings for the water line.

Revenue Sharing funds are being used to pay for this project.

Jim Smith Elected V/P of NACAA

At the 62nd Annual Meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in Hartford, Conn., James A. Smith, Appomattox County Extension Agent was elected vice-president.

The National Association of County Agricultural Agents has a membership of 5700 and is organized to enhance the professional development of its members.

Alumni Football Game Planned

The Third Annual Appomattox County High School Alumni Football Game will be held Friday night, October 28th, at the high school stadium.

All alumni interested in playing are asked to contact Mike George no later than October 24.

Practice information and the issuing of equipment will be forwarded upon signing up for the contest.

The teams of graduates are composed of former players who graduated on an even year and on odd year. The 1st Annual Alumni Game was won by the team of odd year graduates while the even year graduates evened the count in the 1976 event by winning 8-0.

Such former ACHS gridiron stars as Lee Conner, Earl Martin, Glenn Doss, Bobby Lane, Buddy Wilcox and Wayne McCormick are only a few who are expected to sign up for the October 28th event.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

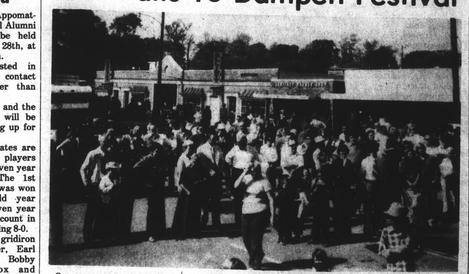
The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Plans are for members to leave the restaurant at 5:45 p.m. for a tour of the Nuclear Technology Simulator and Computer Facility of Babcock & Wilcox on Forest Road in Lynchburg.

Take-out dinners will be prepared by John Mosby Inn Restaurant and members will eat in the cafeteria at B & W.

This will be a most interesting tour and every member will want to be present. Do not be late...we will be leaving at 5:45 p.m.

Rain Fails To Dampen Festival Spirit



Spectators filled the Town of Appomattox Saturday, as the Honorable Andrew P. Miller opened the Fifth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival - "Echoes of History."

Serving as Grand Marshal, Mr. Miller preceded a parade of approximately 75 units including visiting and local dignitaries, high school bands, marching units, floats, pageant winners, area resuce and fire equipment, antique cars, local businesses, and equestrian entries. The parade was broadcast live over WTTX.

Following the parade, ceremonies were held at the Depot with Vice-Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle presiding. A choral ensemble from ACHS, directed by Ms. Teresa Queensberry, sang several selections and Rev. J. Harmen Smith, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Dignities on hand were State Senator Howard Anderson, Delegate Claude Anderson, The Town Council, The Board of Supervisors, County Officials, and the retired Fourth District Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, who made a few remarks and introduced Mr. Miller, former Virginia's Attorney General. Miller expressed delight at participating in the Festival and was presented with a key to the Town of Appomattox by Vice-Mayor Spiggle and Gail Moore, Miss Appomattox.

Mr. Edward Harvey, executive producer of WSET-TV, served as Head Conductor for the parade. At the close of the ceremonies he announced parade trophy winners assisted by Miss Gail Moore and representatives of organizations which provided the trophies. The winners were: Bands, 1st place, Gretna High School; Honorable Mention, Prince Edward Academy; Floats, 1st place, United Daughters of the Confederacy; 2nd place, Appomattox Middle School SCA; 3rd place, FFA; Parade Horse and rider, Jennifer Johnson; Marching Unit, Fork Union Military Academy, Ullard Guard; Antique Car, Jack Lawson.

Amtrak "Silliopper 34" stopped on Saturday and Sunday allowing anyone desiring to ride to Farmville. The Roanoke Chapter NHRS had on display for both days two of its passenger cars with displays, souvenirs and refreshments. NRHS also displayed a working model of a steam locomotive.

Saturday's musical entertainment was provided by Smokey Hollow Grass, Travelin' Company, and Howard Hudson and the Country Rhythms featuring the Owens Brothers Trio. Sunday's musical entertainment was provided by Little Georgy and the Hill City Cutups, James River 5, Fellowship Four and Jackie and again, Travelin' Co.

Historical exhibits, courtesy of the National Park Service, Mr. DeWitt Evans, and Dr. C. O'Brien, were on display in the V.P.I and S.U. Extension Office and Burke's Insurance Office. Visitors to the festival also enjoyed the displays located at the county library.

The 48 craftsmen, located in and around the Depot displayed a wide variety of talent. Rarely does one have the opportunity to see such a selection in one

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Bike-A-Thon Set For Sunday

Some of the 4-H Club members are shown in above photo getting "all set" for the annual Bike-A-Thon to be held Sunday afternoon. We hope you plan to join them or give them your support.

The Annual American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon will begin in Appomattox at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon when riders, both adults and young people, will start the ten-mile ride set up for this event.

Mrs. Janet Noble, President of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society, has announced that Miss Tamara Nash will serve as Celebrity Chairman. She, along with members of the 4-H Clubs will be on hand to ride to fight cancer.

By getting pledges, so much per mile, from friends, neighbors, and relatives and then riding the Bike-A-Thon route you may be a part of the fight against cancer. Remember, it is the greatest desire of the American Cancer Society to kick cancer in OUR lifetime. Naturally you want to be a part in this dream, too. If you can't ride a bike you can do your part by sponsoring one or more riders.

At each of the two checkpoints along the way, there will be refreshments for all cyclists. The refreshments will be FREE and hopefully they will spur you on to the next checkpoint.

Now that you are interested, find a friend or two and have them join you in a great and popular afternoon of cycling. What better way to spend a Sunday Fall afternoon and do something great for cancer research at the same time.

A copy of the map showing the route of the Bike-A-Thon can be found on another page of this newspaper.

See you Sunday afternoon!

Beck Hudson Named Secretary of District V of VAVRS

Mrs. Lloyd Hudson of Appomattox has been named secretary for District V, Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads.

Beck, the wife of J. Lloyd Hudson and News Editor of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN, has been an active member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for several years. She served for three years as Secretary for the local squad.

District V is comprised of Rescue Squads and Life Saving Crews from twenty-six counties. Mr. Joe Ramsey of Farmville is Vice President for the District.

Appointed To Legislative Committee Of Commissioners Of The Revenue

Monte W. Mays

Monte W. Mays, Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County, has been notified by Sam T. Barfield, President, Commissioner of the Revenue Association of Virginia, that he has been appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Commissioners of the Revenue Association. This committee receives information on all matters of interest which are being proposed to the General Assembly.

Mays is also being considered for nomination to one of the Vice-Presidency's of the Association. This nomination came because of his qualifications and if elected he would be in line for the Presidency of the Association at a later time.

The Associaton is interested in getting smaller counties involved with the activities of their group. This will be a beginning in getting more input from smaller counties.

The appointment will enable Mays to be aware of the laws that directly affect the Office of the commissioner of the Revenue. This awareness will allow him to serve the people of this county more efficiently.

Liberty Baptist To Conduct Fall Bible Conf.

Associate Pastor Larry Worley will lead Liberty Baptist Church in a study of the book of Romans during their Fall Bible Conference October 23-29.

"It is probably the most important book of the New Testament," says Pastor Worley, "and it is our aim to survey the book seeking to group the most important parts."

There will be classes for all groups: nursery (ages 1-3) to adults. As a special treat for our children since they will be studying Bible lands and customs, they will see the very successful film, **His Land** by World Wide Pictures, on October 26.

There will be special study

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Rev. and Mrs. Pete Hale and Mary Anna

Accepts Pastorate Here

Rev. and Mrs. Peter Hale and their daughter, Mary Anna, age four, shown above, have recently moved to Appomattox from Princess Ann, Maryland where he was serving as pastor of the Manokin Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Hale has accepted the pastorate of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church and Walkers Presbyterian Church near Hixburg. Before his pastorate at the Manokin Presbyterian Church, Rev. Hale served for a time as pastor of the New Concord Presbyterian Church at Rustburg.

Mrs. Hale is the former Ann Tomlinson of Big Island and Rev. Hale is a native of New Jersey but was reared in Virginia.

We welcome the Hale family to our community.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for last week's contest.

Mark Thomas of Route 2, Appomattox, with 20 correct games picked out of a possible 23 games is the winner of first place. He will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN as 1st place prize.

Roger Irvin, A. H. Carter, John H. Wilson and Nellwyn Morris tied for second place with 19 games predicted correctly. Going to the Tie Breaker for a winner, A. H. Carter, with a 2 point difference in the Appomattox-Brookville game, has been declared winner of the second place award. He will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN as prize for second place.

In this contest, Pitt and Florida game ended in a tie. All answers were considered incorrect in this case.

Be sure and enter the contest this week and get your entry into this newspaper . . . you may be the winner next week.